



Old First Church
(Presbyterian)
Newark, New Jersey

325th Anniversary Celebration
1666 = 1991

Sunday, May 19, 1991
Three o'clock p.m.

The Church at the Four Corners

325TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Three Organ Chorale-Preludes

J.S. Bach

All Glory Be to God on High (BWV 716)

From God I Ne'er Will Turn (BWV 658)

Suffer the Lord, Thy God, to Guide Thee (BWV 642)

Processional of Choirs, Participants and Honored Guests

Choral Introit

Welsh Hymn Tune, arr. Lancaster

"Praise the Lord With Heart and Voice"

Combined Choirs, Brass Quartet and Handbells

Praise the Lord with heart and voice, sing His Name,
with us rejoice! Sing we all with one accord praises
to our mighty Lord. Alleluia!

By His hand all things were made, sun and moon and
stars arrayed. His great love sustains us all, guards us
heals us when we fall. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God most high, Lord of all, yet ever
nigh. Great his mercy, truth and care for His people
everywhere. Alleluia!

*HYMN 111

O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

St. Anne

*INVOCATION

The Rev. George H. White, Jr.

ANTHEM

"Regozijo e Alegria"

J. W. Faustini

The Choir of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Newark

Joy and gladness will be found in her (Zion), Thanksgiving
and the sound of melody. (Isaiah 51:3b)

WELCOME

James A. Fife

GREETINGS

Dr. Dwight A. White

The Honorable Sharpe James, Mayor of the City of Newark

The Rev. John Blewitt, Clerk of the Presbytery of Newark

The Rev. George Bowen, Rector Grace Episcopal Church,

Monsignor John Hourihan, St. John's Roman Catholic Church

Wilson O'Donnel, Director, New Jersey Historical Society

ANTHEM "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

J. R. Robinson, Arr. Roland Carter

The Choir of the Elmwood Presbyterian Church, East Orange

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let us
rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song
full of faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of hope that the present has
brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed? We have come over a way that tears have watered; We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by might led us into the light; Keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, Where we meet Thee; Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand, True to our God, true to our native land.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Dr. White

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

For the restoration of the Organ

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Behold Now, Praise the Lord"

Titcomb

The Choir of Old First Presbyterian Church

Behold now, praise the Lord all ye servants of the Lord.
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in
the courts of the house of our God, lift up your hands in
the sanctuary, and praise the Lord!

ADDRESS "LEAVING OUT THE CHURCH"

Dr. R. Maurice Boyd

ANTHEM "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Steffe, arr. Wilhousky

Choirs, Garth Taylor, Baritone, Brass Quintet, Tympani, Cymbals and Organ.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is
tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps.
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps.
I can read His righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps,
His truth is marching on!

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea, with
a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me; as he died to
make men holy, let us die to make men free, while God is marching on!
His truth is marching on! Amen!

*HYMN 515

National Hymn

"God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Carl A. Luthman

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Brass Quintet, Organ and Tympani

Jerimiah Clark

*Please Stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Rev. George H. White, Jr.	Pastor, Central Brick Presbyterian Church, East Orange
Mr. James A. Fife	Chair, The 325th Anniversary Committee
Dr. Dwight A. White	Pastor, Old First Presbyterian Church
Dr. R. Maurice Boyd	Senior Minister, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City
Rev. Carl A. Luthman	Assistant, Old First Church, 1982-1986
Elmwood Presbyterian Church Choir	Jean James, Director, Willie B. Coker, Pianist, J. Gary Hutcheson, Assistant Director and Organist
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Choir	Daniel Dantas, Director Mrs. J. W. Faustini, Pianist
Old First Presbyterian Church Choir	W. Elmer Lancaster, Organist Choirmaster
Handbell Ringers of First Presbyterian, Caldwell	Noel A. Piercy, Director
Instrumentalists:	Trumpet: Joseph Lorenti, Steven Loreti, David DiRienzo French Horns: James F. Robinson, Jr.; Trombone: Robert H. Jones Tympani: Regina Brija; Cymbals: Robert M. Reed Bagpiper: Patrick McGonigal; Organist: W. Elmer Lancaster

REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS

First Presbyterian Church, Orange (1719)	Rev. Donald Thiel, Pastor George Zeewalk, Clerk
First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church, Newark (1801)	Rev. Glenn Hatfield, Pastor Mrs. Morris Bennett, Clerk
Second Presbyterian Church, Newark (1811)	Rev. Abi Castro, Pastor Frank Robert Kraft, Clerk
St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Newark (1826)	Monsignor John Hourihan, Pastor
Central Brick Presbyterian Church, East Orange (1831)	Rev. George H. White, Jr., Pastor Barbara Batson, Clerk
Clinton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Newark (1967) — formerly 13th Avenue Presbyterian Church (1837)	Dr. Alfred B. Johnson, Pastor Bossie Jackson, Jr., Clerk
Elmwood Presbyterian Church, East Orange (1890)	Rev. Robert N. Burkins, Pastor Elaine B. Henry, Clerk
Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church, Belleville (1924)	Dr. N. Barry Dancy, Pastor Robert Peppel, Clerk
United Presbyterian Church, Cedar Grove, (1959)	Rev. John G. Blewitt, Pastor Robert and Catherine Wakeman
Memorial West Presbyterian Church, Newark (1966)	George Spina

YOU ARE INVITED

To attend a reception to be held in Burr Hall immediately following the celebration, *and...*

To view artifacts and memorabilia on display in Pierson Parlor (first floor), the Board Room (second floor) and in the corridors of the building. Guides and hosts will assist you. Among the items on display are pictures of the church, Aaron Burr, and Alexander MacWhorter; the original charter issued by King George II in 1753; old books and literature; and Camp Dennis pictures. Orders may also be placed for 325th anniversary memorabilia.

A CHURCH AND A CITY

On May 18, 1666, a hardy band of Puritans, representatives of the Congregational Church of Branford, Connecticut, founded in 1644, landed on the banks of the Passaic River in what was to become the City of Newark. On May 21, 1666, the first town meeting was held, at which they affirmed their intention to administer "all civil and town affairs according to God and godly government." The organizational ability of Robert Treat, and the spiritual vision of the Rev. Abraham Pierson, combined to lay the foundations for the city and church in which we live and worship.

Old First and the City of Newark are microcosms of both America's churches and her cities. Each has experienced 325 years of cultural, demographic, technological and environmental change. There have been periods of struggle and victory, decay and growth, stagnation and renewal, death and resurrection, but faith and perseverance have prevailed. The original Newark is now many municipalities, while Old First has five hundred sister churches.

The Bible tells us that Abraham "looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Newark's founders had that vision. They laid the foundation. Faith and vision can still provide a new day for Newark, it's First Church, and all who call Newark their home.

PASTORS OF OLD FIRST CHURCH

Abraham Pierson, Sr.	1666-1678
Abraham Pierson, Jr.	1669-1692
John Prudden	1692-1699
Jabez Wakeman	1699-1704
Nathaniel Bowers	1709-1716
Joseph Webb	1719-1736
Aaron Burr	1736-1755
John Brainerd	1755-1759
Alexander MacWhorter	1759-1807
Edward Dorr Griffin	1801-1809
James Richards	1809-1823
William T. Hamilton	1824-1834
Ansel D. Eddy	1835-1848
Jonathan French Stearns	1849-1883
David Rudach Frazer	1883-1909
William James Dawson	1912-1925
William Hiram Foulkes	1926-1941
Lloyd Ellis Foster	1942-1960
Conrad Harry Massa	1961-1966
George Litch Knight	1967-1968
Lloyd George Schell	1970-1980
Horace King Houston, Jr.	1982-1988
Dwight Allan White	1988

OLD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

820 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

THE CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dwight A. White	Pastor
Michael Westbrook	Youth Director
W. Elmer Lancaster	Organist
Marie Barr	Choirmaster
Brenda Baley, Ellen Flammer, Dorothy Wolfe	Receptionist
Rhys Petty, Otto Lensen	Secretaries
	Custodians

THE SESSION

Alfred Hubscher	James Fife	Doris Doriety
Larry Lengle, Clerk	Barbara Spence	Daphne Fingal
Alberta Littlejohn	Pauline Willis	Shirley Gilbert
Pamela Yeager	Karel Wojtech	Gladys Malloy

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Rose DelVecchio	James Duncan, Moderator	Elizabeth Blanchard
Rosella Smith	Pearl Duncan	David Borden
Christabel Solomon	Esther Lane	Catherine Campbell-Wright
Connie Wandras	Aida Rivera	Genora Gordon
William Wandras	Felicity Nantale	Ernestina Larbi
	Kevin Taylor	Cynthia White

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

James A. Fife	Alfred O. Hubscher	Quentin D. Lucarello
Greta Krantz	Stephen Fingal, Sr.	William W. Myers
		Mildred Nittoli, President

THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Orie Chambers	Allen Lushear	Warren and Joan Spicer
Paul Eng Wong	John Meszar	Meta Waite
James Fife, Chair	William Myers	Dwight White
Daphne Fingal	Mildred Nittoli	Douglas Witter
Frank Gilbert	Jeannette Oliver	Karel Wojtech
Mildred Givens	George Quinlan	William Wormington
Fred Hubscher	Carlos Rivera	Pamela Yeager
Larry Lengle	Enora Schell	Phyllis Zappulla